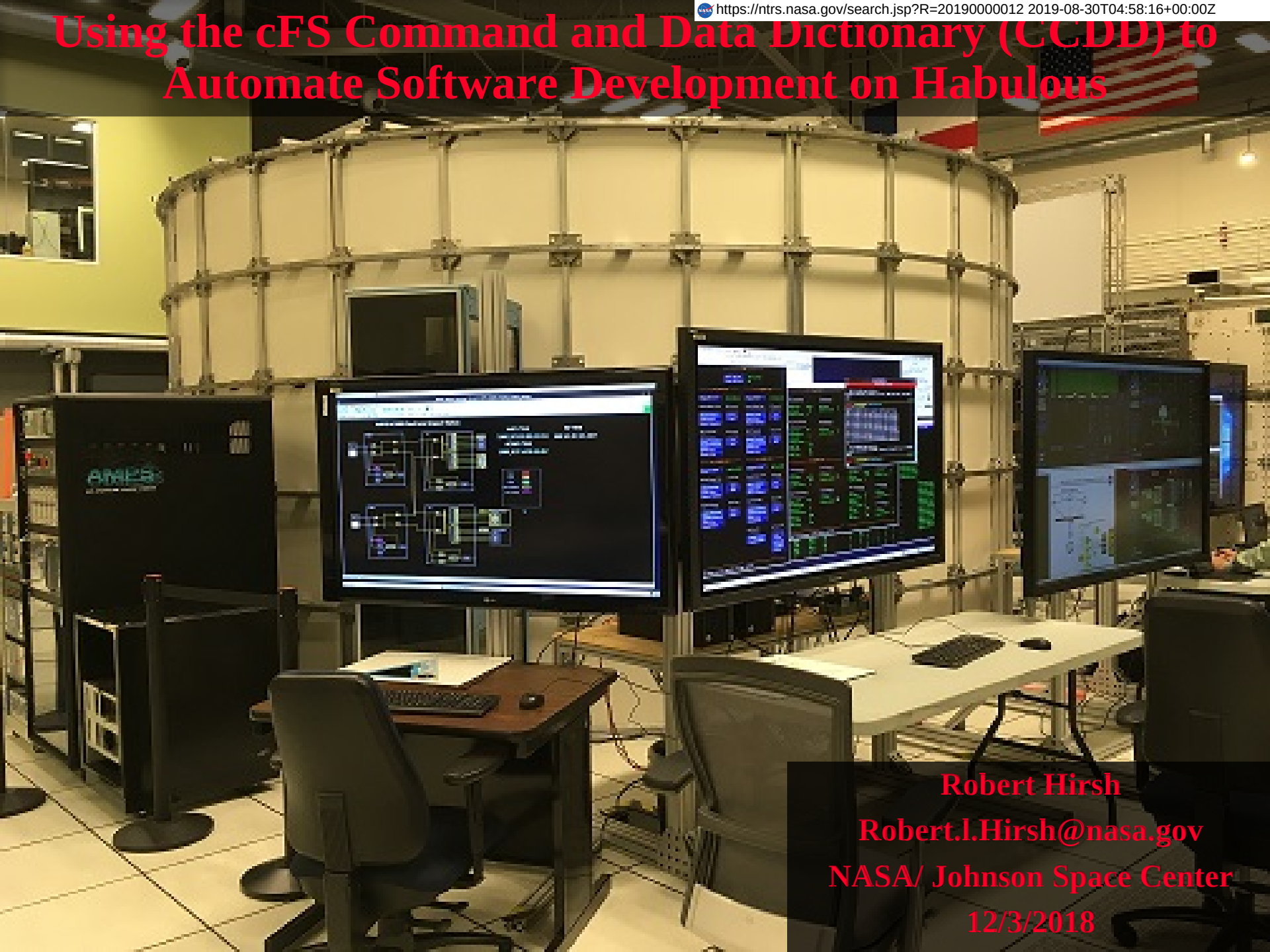
Using the cFS Command and Data Dictionary (CCDD) to Automate Software Development on Habulous



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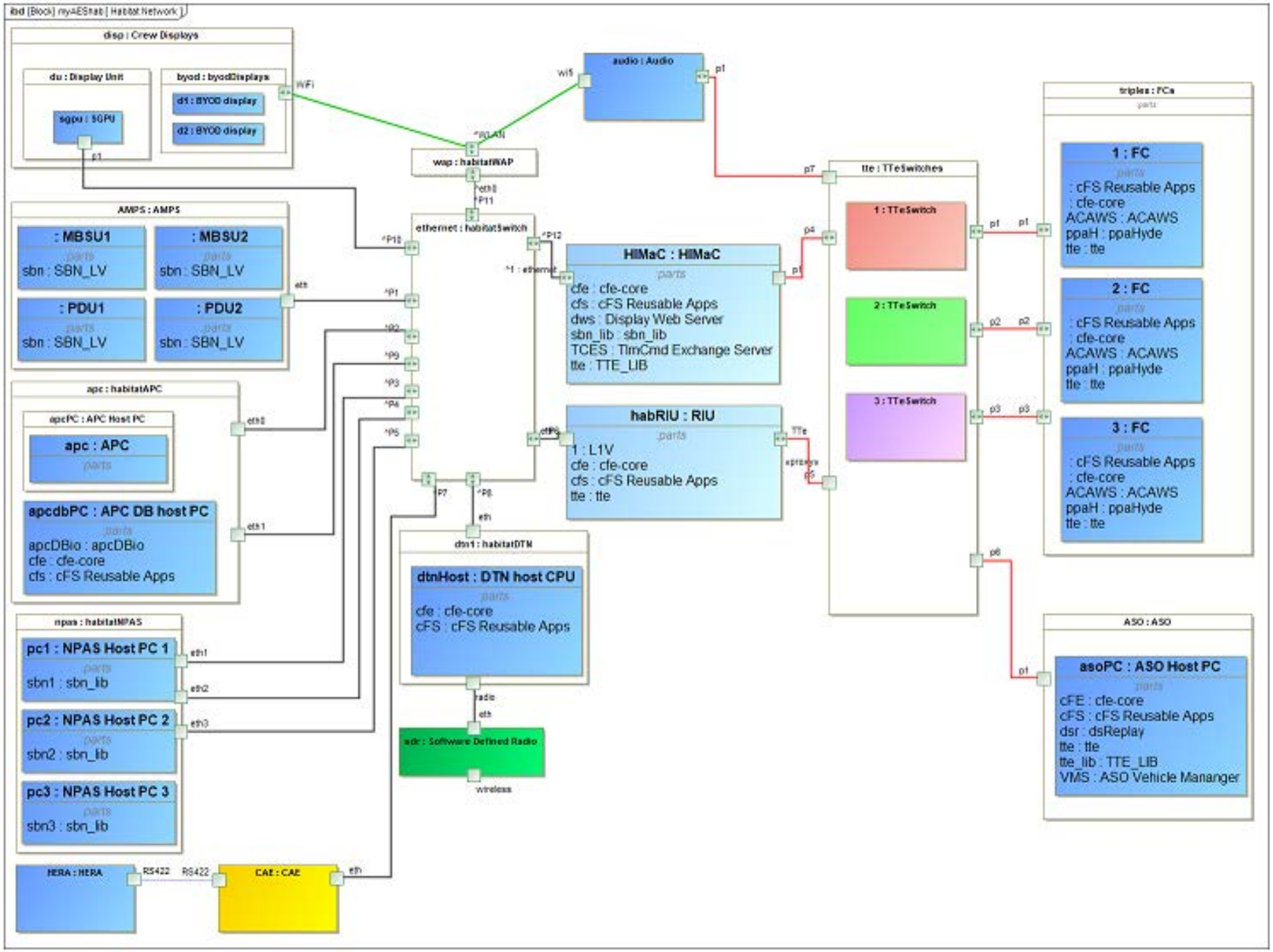
Agenda

- Habulous Background
- CCDD Overview
- CCDD Products used on Habulous
  - C header files that define all software bus commands/telemetry messages
  - Generating file defining the Message ID's used (cfs_msgids.h)
  - XML Telemetry and Command Exchange (XTCE) files (displays)
  - "Protobetter" code (to manage different endian-ness/architectures)
- Development on Habulous
  - CCSDS_v2 extended headers
  - Extending/customizing SBN to pass messages among computers on multiple networks
  - Using SBN_lib to allow non-cFS node to communicate with cFS nodes
- Next Steps
  - Developing TTE network and schedule tables for all the various CPUs to use

- The Habulous project is an Earth-based testbed (HW/SW)
  - Prototyping future space habitat unit and technologies
  - Representation from various NASA centers and aerospace organizations
    - » ARC/JSC/GRC/Goddard/Stennis
  - Distributed nature of the team makes data interfaces especially critical
    - » Massively heterogeneous computer architectures and operating systems
      - *– 32/64-bit, Big/Little Endian, Linux/VxWorks/Windows, x86/PPC/RaspberryPi*
  - Multiple CPUs use the SBN application to communicate
    - » Most CPUs run cFS (use SBN app and Protobetter)
    - » Non-cFS CPU (use SBN_lib with Prototbetter)

Habulous Block Diagram



CCDD Background

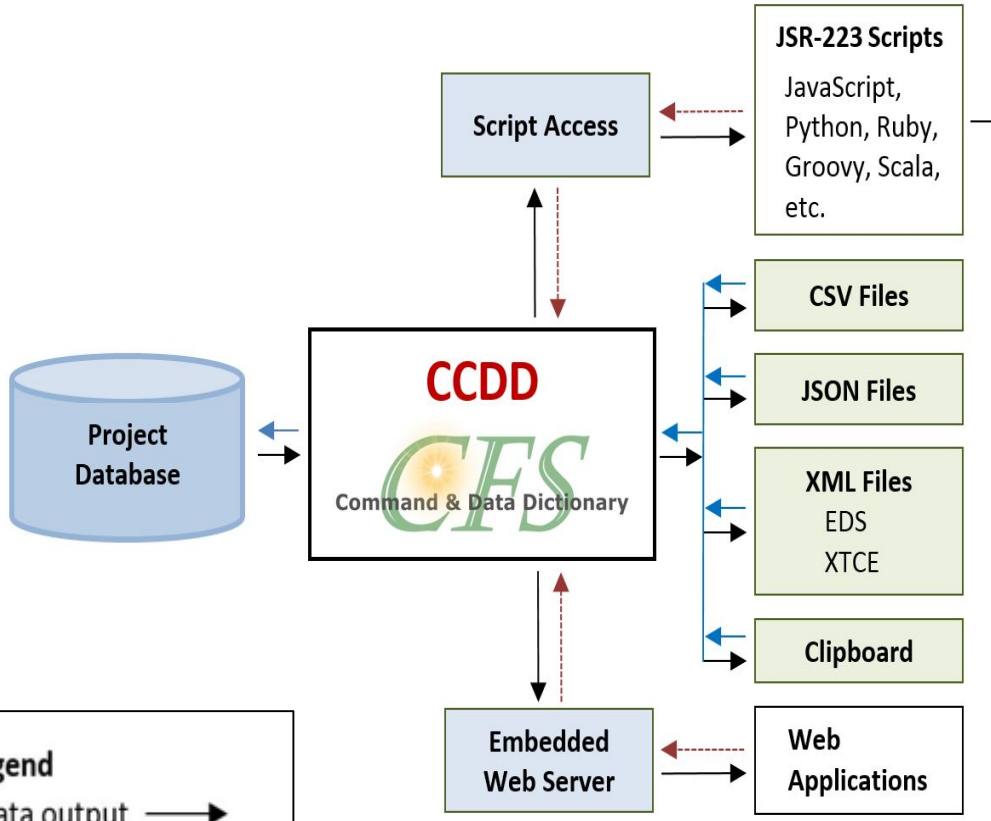
- CCDD stands for cFS Command and Data Dictionary
- Goddard's Core Flight System (cFS) has been, is, and is intended to be used by many projects
  - Examples: Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO), Morpheus, Exploration EMU (xEMU) spacesuit, Orion Backup Flight Software (BFS)
  - Success of the cFS concept is shown by the number cFS projects at FSW-2018
- A command and data dictionary (CDD) defines telemetry/command messages
- Each cFS project must select a way to manage their CDD
  - Frequently involves using a spreadsheet, with custom SW to convert into useful files
- cFS Command and Data Dictionary utility (CCDD) was designed as a generic utility to eliminate duplication of effort in order to make CDD management easier

CCDD Goals

- Create a configurable CDD utility that runs on multiple operating systems
  - Written in Java for maximum portability
- Easy creation/modification of CDD information
  - Graphical user interface (GUI) to interact with the database
- Store all CDD information into a standard database (postgreSQL)
- Bidirectional transfer of information to/from the CCDD
  - Cut-n-paste to Excel, import/export via XTCE/CSV/JSON
- Easy access to CDD information (via scripting languages and web applications)
  - Allows user to code in various languages (ruby/python/js) and access CDD information
    - »Create vehicle and ground software products, data summary, etc
    - »Generate complicated CFS products: Schedule or network tables, copy table, etc

Data is accessible to scripting languages (JavaScript, Python, etc.)

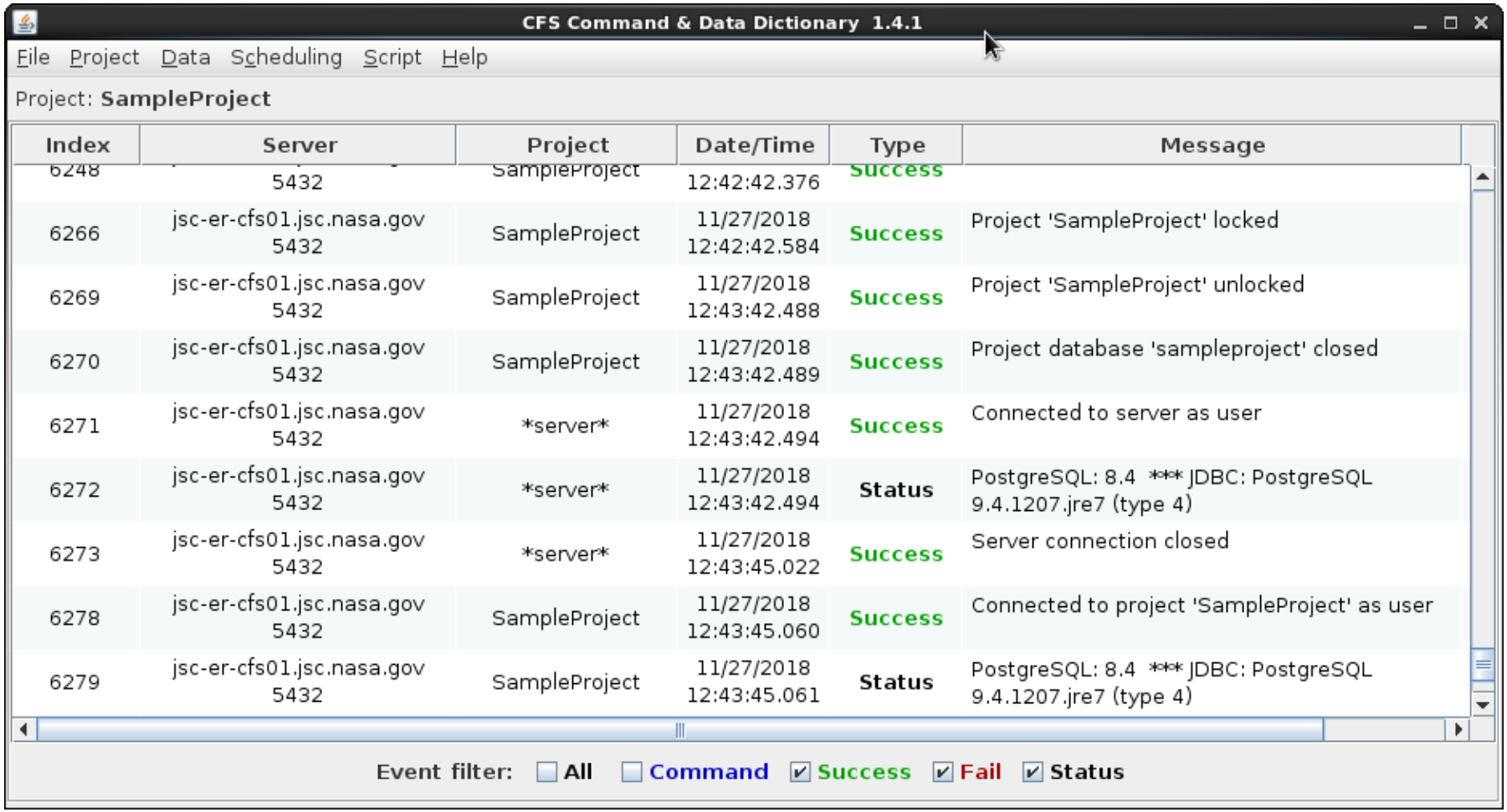
- Example scripts provided for common products



Web-based dataserver (JSON)

Imported/exported via:

- CSV (comma-separated values)
- JSON (JavaScript Object Notation)
- XML (Extensible Markup Language)
  - » EDS (Electronic Data Sheet)
  - » XTCE (XML Telemetric and Command Exchange)
- OS clipboard (“cut & paste”)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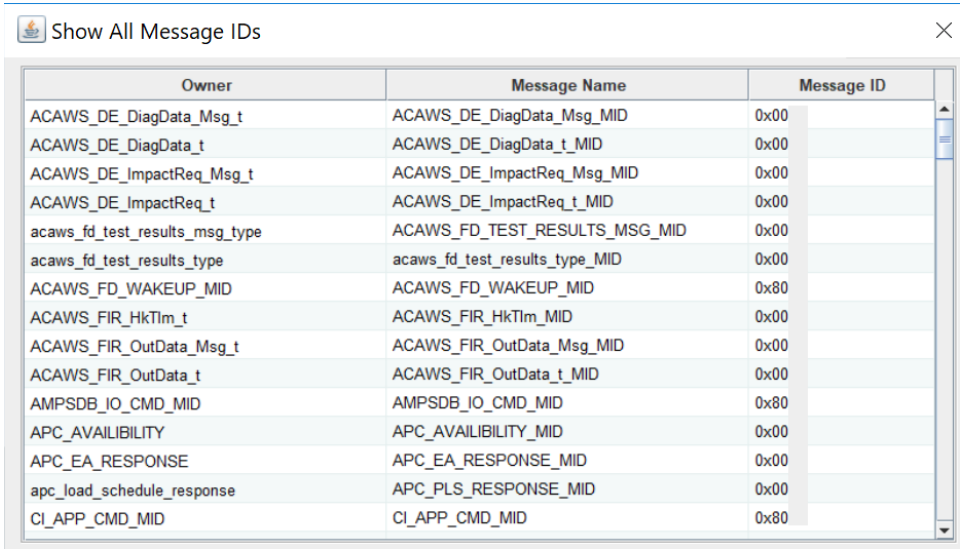
6266 | jsc-er-cfs01.jsc.nasa.gov 5432 | SampleProject | 11/27/2018 12:42:42.584 | Success | Project 'SampleProject' locked
6269 | jsc-er-cfs01.jsc.nasa.gov 5432 | SampleProject | 11/27/2018 12:43:42.488 | Success | Project 'SampleProject' unlocked
6270 | jsc-er-cfs01.jsc.nasa.gov 5432 | SampleProject | 11/27/2018 12:43:42.489 | Success | Project database 'sampleproject' closed
6271 | jsc-er-cfs01.jsc.nasa.gov 5432 | *server* | 11/27/2018 12:43:42.494 | Success | Connected to server as user
6272 | jsc-er-cfs01.jsc.nasa.gov 5432 | *server* | 11/27/2018 12:43:42.494 | Status | PostgreSQL: 8.4 *** JDBC: PostgreSQL 9.4.1207.jre7 (type 4)
6273 | jsc-er-cfs01.jsc.nasa.gov 5432 | *server* | 11/27/2018 12:43:45.022 | Success | Server connection closed
6278 | jsc-er-cfs01.jsc.nasa.gov 5432 | SampleProject | 11/27/2018 12:43:45.060 | Success | Connected to project 'SampleProject' as user
6279 | jsc-er-cfs01.jsc.nasa.gov 5432 | SampleProject | 11/27/2018 12:43:45.061 | Status | PostgreSQL: 8.4 *** JDBC: PostgreSQL 9.4.1207.jre7 (type 4)
Event filter: All Command Success Fail Status

- cfs_msgids.h file generation
  - Same file compiled by all CPUs
  - Defines all the MIDs for each cFS message sent/received on any of the various CPUs
  - Using CCSDSv2, so each MID is a combination of APID/SystemID/SubSystemID



Owner	Message Name	Message ID
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ACAWS_DE_DiagData_t	ACAWS_DE_DiagData_t_MID	0x00
ACAWS_DE_ImpactReq_Msg_t	ACAWS_DE_ImpactReq_Msg_MID	0x00
ACAWS_DE_ImpactReq_t	ACAWS_DE_ImpactReq_t_MID	0x00
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ACAWS_FIR_HkTlm_t	ACAWS_FIR_HkTlm_MID	0x00
ACAWS_FIR_OutData_Msg_t	ACAWS_FIR_OutData_Msg_MID	0x00
ACAWS_FIR_OutData_t	ACAWS_FIR_OutData_t_MID	0x00
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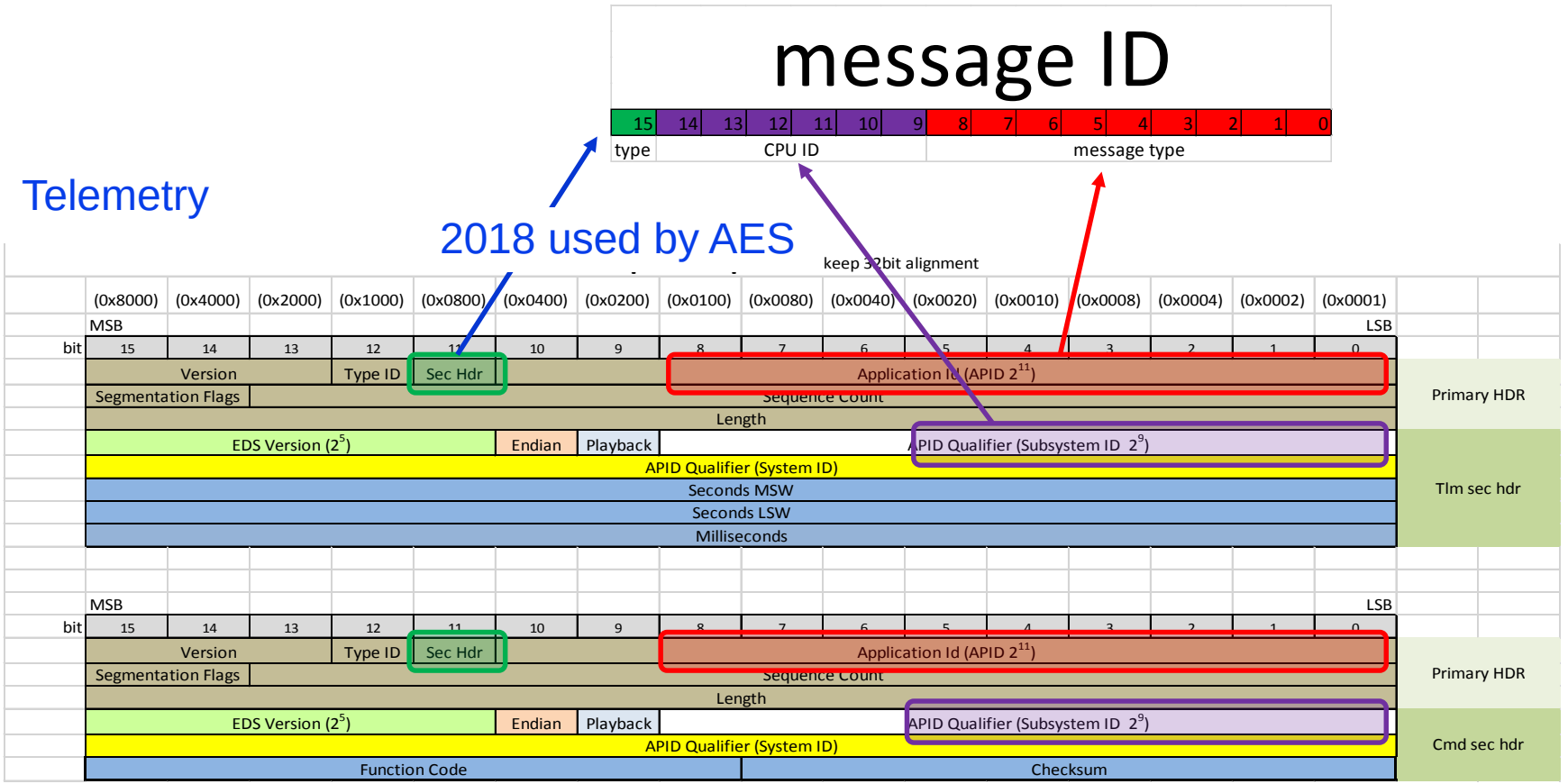
APC_AVAILIBILITY	APC_AVAILIBILITY_MID	0x00
APC_EA_RESPONSE	APC_EA_RESPONSE_MID	0x00
apc_load_schedule_response	APC_PLS_RESPONSE_MID	0x00
CI_APP_CMD_MID	CI_APP_CMD_MID	0x80

- Using the CCDD information to automatically generate the C-header files
  - Define the structure for all software bus (SB) commands/telemetry messages
- Generate XML Telemetry and Command Exchange (XTCE) files
  - Used by display team to make displays for any CPU
- Generating “Protobetter” code for communication with other CPUs
  - Manages packing and different endian-ness/architectures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type
CPU ID
message type
Telemetry
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keep 32bit alignment
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MSB
LSB
bit
Version
Type ID
Sec Hdr
Application Id (APID 2^11)
Segmentation Flags
Sequence Count
Primary HDR
Length
EDS Version (2^5)
Endian
Playback
APID Qualifier (Subsystem ID 2^9)
APID Qualifier (System ID)
Seconds MSW
Seconds LSW
Milliseconds
Tlm sec hdr
Function Code
Checksum
Cmd sec hdr
Command

- Updating to CCSDS_v2 (and using CPU# as subsystem ID)
  - Running out of room for unique MIDs on all CPUs for the 11-bits of version 1
  - See next slide
- Exporting XTCE files to allow drag-n-drop display development for all CPUs
- Extending/customizing SBN to pass messages to computers
  - Computers with multiple interfaces act as a “bridge” to CPUs that can’t talk directly
  - “Protobetter” developed to manage packing/endian differences
- Using SBN_lib to allow non-cFS node to communicate with cFS nodes
  - Allows non-cFS nodes to “impersonate” a cFS node and talk to SBN on other CPUs
- Worked to develop the CDD before the SW development was complete
  - Not treat CDD as an “as built” post-development documentation effort
  - Required iterations on data structures and MIDs, but minimized interface issues

Future Work

- The CCDD tool has successfully been used to automate/autocode a large amount of software used on Habulous
- Working to allow the CCDD to define even more products including
  - Time-triggered Ethernet (TTE) network tables/maps
    - »Coordinate message passing between various synchronized machines
  - cFS schedule table (for each CPU)
  - Automated CCDD to SysML export